(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made by Government during the last financial years in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two new concrete sleeper plants are approved to be set up in Assam under Northeast Frontier Railway, one at Bihara and other at Bhanga near Silchar in Assam. These plants will be in addition to existing four sleeper plants located at New Bongaigaon, Mirza, Jagiroad and Lumding in Assam.

(c) Work of setting up of concrete sleeper plant at Bihara was started during the current financial year and the same is at advance stage of progress. Tender for supply of sleepers by setting up a plant at Bhanga was opened on 14-3-2005 and the same is expected to be suitably decided early.

Railway Coach Factory

83. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to start any Railway Coach Factory during the current financial year in the State of Assam;

(b) whether Government have any survey report on such factory; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Operation of containery trains by private sector

†84. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry propose to allow container

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.